

## Asian American Advisory Council

## Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

AAAC Minutes for October 28, 2020 meeting

2:00-4:00 by WebEx. Call in number 1-312-535-8110. Access code 133 873 6037 The meeting was recorded.

Call to order at 2:12 PM. Welcome

Members present: Jose, Stany, Lily, Santhosh, Benny, Linson, Sebastian, Saju, Barbara. Marjorie was present

The September 2020 and April 2020 minutes were passed.

Marjorie reported that the CMS employment plan has been completed but not approved. There is a lack of diversity in Central and Southern regions. CMS is trying to have Asian American employees from other agencies to meet. Marjorie will look into getting a list of Asian American employees. We will invite prospective members from the list.

Suggested agenda items for the Joint Council meeting. Jose stated that Northern region has several openings and not many people come for the interviews. Benny explained that CMS sends only the amount of people as there are available positions. Not everyone shows. There is a need to work with CMS and DCFS. A suggestion was made to invite OES to our meeting and to the joint council meeting. People who have an A grade are not being called for an interview. Applications are not being processed in a timely manner. We hope to have Michael's input on the process.

Marjorie has a partial list of foster parents who speak another language.

Jose will send membership applications to Turaia Ahsan, Deerfield placement worker and Joce Oliyapurathu, Waukegan office.

We are not allowed to accept any further donations from AFSCME because they are lobbyists.

Stany reported that no members accepted the nomination for president or secretary. Sebastian was nominated for vice chair. This was seconded. Sebastian is the new vice chair.

It was suggested that other members who are not present be explored as candidates.

Santhosh resigned as chair.

Next meeting is 11/25/2020.

Meeting adjourn at 3:51 pm.



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